(c) and (d) A letter from MAPO mentioning licence production has been received in the evening of 14th March, 1995.

Review of cost accounting and financial management system in DefencePSUs

614. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to review the cost accounting and the financial management system in the Defence Public Sector Undertakings, as well as in the ordnance factories in view of the challenges these Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) are facing, both in terms of competitive prices and production as per the customers' needs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Recently, a seminar was held on Cost Accounting and Pricing Systems in Defence Public Sector Undertakings as well as in Ordnance Factories. During the seminar, the subjects like pricing strategy and capacity utilisation, costing of development-cum-production items costing systems and management accounting as well as simplification of cost accounting system in Ordnance Factories were taken up for deliberation.

Subsequently, instructions have been issued to the concerned authorities to take steps which will make the costing system more effective, management oriented and transparent.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Persons involved in Mofors case

615. SHRI GAYA SINGH:

SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the details about the names of those persons involved in Bofors Kickbacks have been supplied to Government of India; if so, the details thereof;

(b) what action Government propose to take against persons involved in the scandal;

(c) whether it is a fact that Bofors company participated in the recently concluded India International Civil and Defence Equipment and Systems Exhibition (IICDES '95) under a different name; and

(d) if so, the reasons for allowing Bofors to participate in the exhibition, despite the fact that the same is facing embargo since late eighties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d) The CBI have not yet received the names and details of any persons who are the beneficiaries. The matter of transmission of documents to the Government of India is awaiting the decision of the Examining Magistrate, Geneva. Necessary action in accordance with law will be taken on receipt of the bank documents.

As regards the embargo placed on M/s. Bofors, there is no change in the policy of the Government. The Indian International Civil and Defence Equipment and System Exhibition, in which M/s. Bofors participated, was an enterprise with which the Ministry of Defence had no connection.